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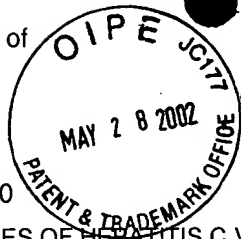
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Communication dated March 25, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks, as well as the attached, are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including May 28, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

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57. (Amended) An HCV type 5 polypeptide or peptide selected from the region spanning positions 1 to 2757 of HCV type 5, and wherein said peptide or polypeptide is obtainable by expression of amplified HCV type 5 specific polynucleic acids using HCV type 5 specific primers,  
and wherein said peptide or polypeptide contains at least one genotype-specific amino acid.

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